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- 1. EMBASSY READ WITH INTEREST MOST RECENT REPORT FROM AMEMBASSY LIMA CONCERNING LATEST RUMORS ABOUT FOREIGN COMPANIES WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN ANDEAN PACT AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT.
- 2. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH OFFICIAL OF GOE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CENDES) IN CHARGE OF MOTOR VEHICLE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING REPORT THAT FIAT OR RENAULT WERE FRONT RUNNERS FOR A-2 CAR. EMBOFF ALSO SPOKE WITH LOCAL FORD REP ABOUT FORD'S INTEREST IN AND PROSPECTS FOR BOTH AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCK PRODUCTION. SALIENT POINTS OF THESE CONVERSATIONS REPORTED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARA 3 AND 4 BELOW.

3. CENDES OFFICIAL SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO OFFICIAL RPT OFFICIAL GOE MISSION TO RENAULT, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED POSSIBILITY THAT GROUP OF PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN MAY HAVE GONE. ONLY AUTOMOBILE COMPANY KNOWN TO HAVE HAD SERIOUS TALKS WITH GOE ABOUT INSTALLING PLANT HERE IS GM. ROBERT R. LANGELIER, PRESIDENT OF GM OF VENEZUELA, WAS HERE IN MAY TO DISCUSS

POSSIBLE GM PROPOSAL FOR ECUADOR'S INDEPENDENT MOTOR VEHICLE PLANS (REF B). CENDES OFFICIAL SEEMED FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD GM, BUT ALSO TACITLY ADMITTED PRESSURE WITHIN ANDEAN PACT FOR QUOTE RATIONALIZATION UNQUOTE OF MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY MEAN SELECTION OF TWO OR THREE COMPANIES (PRESUMABLY EUROPEAN) FOR ENTIRE SUBREGION.

4.LOCAL FORD REP SEEMED TO FEEL THAT FORD MAY BE IN GOOD POSITION TO BE SELECTED FOR PLANTS BECAUSE FORD HAS RECENTLY SOLD 1,600 VEHICLES TO ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES. ASSUMING THAT ARMED FORCES HAVE GOOD EXPERIENCE WITH FORD VEHICLES, THIS MAY SWING ECUADOR TOWARD CHOOSING FORD TO CARRY OUT ANDEAN PACT ASSIGNMENTS.

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